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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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CLUB NIGHTS

7.30 pm, 1st Tue of the month, Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms, 50 Park Road, Palmerston North

March 4th: DOC Structure and Policy

Rod Smillie, the new DOC Conservation Services Manager, will explain and discuss the new DOC structure and current policies, and their impact on our club. It would be good to have a full and representative turnout from MTSC Club members: whatever your interests and activities with the club this talk will be of interest.



April 1st: Ken Mercer and Friends give an account of cycling the Timber Trail

The 85 km Timber Trail boasts some of the highest, longest, and most beautiful suspension bridges in New Zealand. It weaves its way through ancient forest, across ancestral lands of local Maori Tribes, and along part of the historic Ongarue Tramway. The Timber Trail is nestled in Pureora Forest, between Lake Taupo and Te Kuiti, in the Central North Island.



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The deadline for newsletter contributions is **the 1st week of the month**. Photos are welcome and will be included where possible – remember to include an appropriate caption.



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MTSC President: Linda Campbell

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I have just spent a lovely weekend at our club lodge on Mt Ruapehu. The company was great and it is such a comfortable place to stay.

While there, relaxing after completing the Tongariro Crossing, I read some of the book "A Museum Underfoot: The Life Story of Trevor Hosking" which is at the lodge. I never had the privilege of meeting Trevor, who passed away last year, but he was obviously a very talented and passionate man who was a builder an archaeologist and a keen outdoors man. In 2009 he was awarded a QSM in the Queen's Birthday honours, for services to the conservation of historic places. He had a real interest in archaeology and his career included research and rescue archaeology, historic building and site restoration and conservation. He worked at many sites around the country and was very involved in the Tongariro power scheme

The book also talks about the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club and Trevor's involvement with the location and construction of Manawatu Lodge. It was important to him that the original lodge was both snow tight and wind proof and he made sure that it was. While it is a very different lodge these days, being snow tight and wind proof are still high priorities. It is thanks to the foresight of Trevor and others with his passion that we have a truly wonderful resource in such a special place. Trevor very kindly left our club \$15000 and I am sure he will have known how much it would mean to us. I urge all club members who have not yet been to our lodge to consider going when planning overnight trips.

Enjoy yourselves in the hills but take care out there.
Linda



MTSC Chief Guide: Ken Mercer

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It's been a summer of many seasons. This month has treated us to a smorgasbord of days varying from windy, wet and very cold, to calm and scorching-hot. Hyperthermia (overheating) is every bit as dangerous as hypothermia (getting too cold). Even after carefully studying the various weather forecast sites on offer it is still not possible to accurately predict what you will actually get up in the hills. So drink/carry plenty of water, apply the sunscreen and wear a hat when it is hot, but also never leave home without your wet/cold weather gear for those to-be-expected sudden, unexpected changes in the weather.

NOTICES and INFORMATION



The Manawatu Walking Festival runs over the weekend 28th February to 2nd March 2014 and is focused on bringing together walkers from around New Zealand to experience the variety of great walks in the Manawatu. There are walks for all ages and fitness levels, including the iconic Manawatu Gorge Track through native bush, a twilight beach walk, an urban art and sculpture walk, a vineyard tour with tasting, and a farm walk. Hosting this festival is a range of experts including tramping guides, historians, storytellers, nature experts, experienced walkers, and photographers. Take a look through the options at <http://www.mwf.org.nz/> and book your place today.



Relocation of DOC Kaitoke Car Park (Due to be completed by April 2014.)

The Department of Conservation is relocating the Kaitoke entrance to the Tararua Forest Park. The current car park, at the end of Marchant Road will be removed and new facilities installed at a new site near the entrance to Camp Kaitoke. The new car park will be clearly marked on the left hand side of Kiwi Ranch Road which is located near the end of Marchant Rd. It will feature a toilet, information panels and a track connecting it to the Puffer Saddle track, Smiths Creek and Marchant Ridge. These facilities are being relocated to increase vehicle security and improve the visitor experience at this important access point.



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

For any further information please contact me at the Manawatu/Wairarapa District Office.

Hayden Barrett

(Senior Works Officer, Manawatu/Wairarapa District Office, Palmerston North)

Mega Pass Competition

The Mega Pass competition gives one lucky winner a season pass to 24 ski resorts in New Zealand for the 2014 winter season. Just enter your email address to go in the draw then share it with your friends for another chance to win!



Link: https://www.facebook.com/snowsportsnz/app_143103275748075

Notes from the February Ruahine User Group (RUG) meeting

Makaroro Access: The road in the pine trees between the gate and the river is deteriorating. This area beyond this gate is private land. DOC is talking to the landowner about the possibility of a car park just before the gate with walking access down to the river.

Rua Taniwha Dam: Currently with the 'Board of Enquiry' with an expectation that they will determine an outcome by the end of May.

Kylie Bivvy: There is an issue with the piles and the bivvy is nearing the end of its life. DOC are investigating the possibility of replacing with a new bivvy at a location a bit to the North to better service user needs.



Top Maroepa Hut: There is an issue with the piles and as this hut has historic status it will be replied with a possible lowering of the ground beneath to give better airflow under the hut.

Maroepa Forks Hut: The river has come dangerously close to the hut and although it has currently moved back to the other side of the river bed it can easily move back. A new 6 bunk hut is currently being pre-fabricated by the Army and will hopefully be installed further away from the river by early April.



UPCOMING TRIPS

Trip Intentions

The email address for leaving trip intentions is intentions@mtsc.org.nz

Intentions sent to this address will not be acted upon UNLESS a party is reported overdue (e.g. by a family member, flatmate, friend, etc.). The email is sent to several MTSC members. This information will be provided to LandSAR only if the party is reported overdue.

The email should include: a list of participants and their contact details; a brief description of the intended route and possible alternative routes; starting point; start date; date/time due out; vehicle registration; and any other relevant details.



Trip Grading

The times listed below include tramping, meal and rest stops. In assessing the trip grading, terrain, weather and party fitness (which is as fast as the slowest member) are considered. Consult the trip leader if you are unsure about your suitability for a particular trip.

FAMILY	All welcome, casual pace, any age
EASY	4 hours per day, pace slower than Easy/Med. Does not relate to terrain
EASY/MEDIUM	5 hours per day at a pace slower than Medium
MEDIUM	7 hours per day at a standard walking pace
MEDIUM/FIT	8 hours per day at a pace faster than Medium
FIT	Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than Med/Fit
TECHNICAL	Qualifying requirements to be announced by the trip organiser

Weekday trips generally range between Easy and Medium/ Fit. Call the leader for details on the destination and trip grade.

March Wednesday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
5	Andrew Brodie	358 6576
12	Suzanne Clark	356 8322
19	Brendon Donald	06 362 7772
26	Linda Darbyshire	354 6171

March Thursday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
6	Brian and Ruth Evans	323 7614
13	Chris Mercer	356 2635
20	Syd Easton	356 7462
27	Alan Cameron	358 3848

March Weekend Trips				
Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
1-2	Cow Creek-Mitre Flats	M	Jenny McCarthy	06 376 8836
2	Rangiwahia Hut: Manawatu Walking Festival	E/M	Ken Mercer	356 7497
8-9	McKinnon Hut	M/F	Jean Garman	021 176 0209
9	Sledge Track	E	Alla Seleznyova	355 0862
15-16	Kime Hut with PNTMC	E/M	Linda Campbell	027 333 4493
22-23	Lodge Work Party	Help	John Lyttle	027 433 6307
29-30	Daphne Hut	E/M	Bev Akers	325 8879

For weekend trips, unless otherwise specified, contact the trip leader by Wednesday night for overnights or Friday night for day trips.



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1-2nd March: Cow Creek to Mitre Flats **M** **Jenny McCarthy** **06 3768 838**

The focus of this trip is to travel the track between Cow Creek and Mitre Flats. There are several ways of doing this and I am open to suggestions from interested people. The transport will need to be taken into account as leaving from the Pines and returning to the Kiriwhakapapa Road end staying overnight at Cow Creek is one possibility.

8-9th March: McKinnon Hut **M/F** **Jean Garman** **021 1760209**

jean.garman@fonterra.com

This trip needs a good dry forecast as a lot of time will be spent in rivers. The intention is to park at the road bridge and travel up the Hikurangi Stream accessing the tops, and subsequently McKinnon Hut, either via a slip or a spur, and coming out all the way down the Kawhatau River.

9th March: Sledge Track **E** **Alla Seleznyova** **355 0862**

The Sledge track is a very pleasant walk in close proximity of Palmerston North. The track starts at the end of Kahuterawa Road and initially meanders along Kahuterawa Stream. After that, begins "The Elevation", a climb up into "Harding's Park" and the "Platinum Mines" (optional small loop with several entrances to the mines, torch needed). On a clear day, there are beautiful views from the top of the track. On the way back there is an option of returning via "Toe Toe Flat". According to the Back Country NZ website, the track is home to the carnivorous NZ native land snail and its main food source the large native worm. Also found is a rare centipede that lives under the leaf litter along the track, and a large bush dragonfly. The track takes 5½ -6½, hours depending on the options taken. There are nice swimming holes along the track; take your togs if you would like to get refreshed after the walk.

15-16th March: Kime Hut with PNTMC **E/M** **Linda Campbell** **027 333 4493**

323 3836

Members of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club and Massey University Alpine Club are invited to join Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club for a relaxing, social weekend at the new Kime Hut which is accessed from Otaki Forks. We will follow the track to Field Hut and then carry on up to Table Top and Bridge Peak before arriving at Kime. Being a new hut it could be very popular so it is recommended that tents are carried in case we have to sleep out.

22-23rd March: Lodge Work Party **All Help** **John Lyttle** **027 433 6307**

johnmiltonlyttle@gmail.com

After club members spent a lot of time last year painting the exterior all the major maintenance has been completed. The work party on the 22nd March 2014 will be taking care of a whole lot of minor items and this will require a wide range of skills. I have just been to the lodge and noticed that the downhill sections of the access track need some work to have them safe for all users. This job is now on the list to be done.



You don't need to be skilled to help out on these work weekends as long as you are prepared to do whatever it takes.

We will run the club van from Palmerston North and I will be driving up from Wellington to meet the club van at Sanson. The weekend is free with transport, accommodation and food all provided in lieu of you providing your services.

This is a great chance to meet other members and to spend a weekend at the lodge.

Please do let me know if you are coming so that we can manage transport and food.



29-30th March: Daphne hut

E/M

Bev Akers

325 8879

I think we will walk in from Moorcock Base car park. There is a bit of a climb up onto the ridge, but then it's an amble along until we drop down to the Tukituki river. Yes, it's wet feet upstream to the hut. It's not difficult!! We will retrace our steps home. Love to have some company.

TRIP REPORTS

18-20th January: Te Totara, Central Waiau, and Te Waiotukapiti Huts (Urewera NP)

Adam Matich

In light of the six hour drive to the road end, we drove up to stay at one of the Marae in Ruatahuna (SH 38) on Friday night. Next morning our driver took us 8 km up a rough 4WD track that follows Mimihi stream to White's clearing. This is across private land, but you are allowed to walk it. Getting driven the distance was far more preferable. For most of our weekend we had the option of taking the high, wet weather, track or the river (summer) route, which was also marked. The river routes were considerably faster and we found them to be very easy; no deeper than the bottom of our shorts. The tracks in this region of the park have suffered neglect of late, but by and large, travel and track-finding was easy, and all intersections were well sign-posted.



Te Totara Hut for lunch

Adam Matich

Our first destination was an early lunch at Te Totara Hut (2¼ hrs) which is 600 m up Te Totara Stm from the main thoroughfare, Parahaki Stm. On our way there we encountered a family of four blue ducks and startled a couple of hinds. The blue ducks were not at all skittish; if we had come prepared, we could have eaten well. Te Totara Hut was, like all huts encountered, very clean and tidy. It is an old hut originally clad in rough-sawn totara, but which is now sheathed in iron with the totara visible from the inside. Te Waiotukapiti hut down in the Waiau River is much the same. The three huts we visited were in grassy clearings open to the adjacent river, or stream; very civilised.



Looking up the Waiau River from the top of Blue Slip

Adam Matich

After lunch we headed back down to Parahaki Stm and followed its easy course down to the swing bridge across the Waiau River. There are extensive grassy and forested tracks on the flats all the way down this river to Central Waiau Hut, and so we made really good time (2¾ hr), arriving in time for afternoon tea and much sloth. At dusk we saw a

family of seven deer grazing on the grassy flats across the river. There was a lot of sign of pig rooting around the hut and many other places in the forest we passed through over the three days, but no pigs were sighted.

On Sunday we had a day trip to Te Waiotukapiti hut and back (8½ hr day) and spotted more ducks, trout, and an overly friendly eel that Mark had to fend off with his walking pole. Up-river of Blue Slip was again, easy travel with much of it being on-track on the forested flats, but 300 m downstream of said slip there was an obligatory swim. Mark doesn't swim, and so we

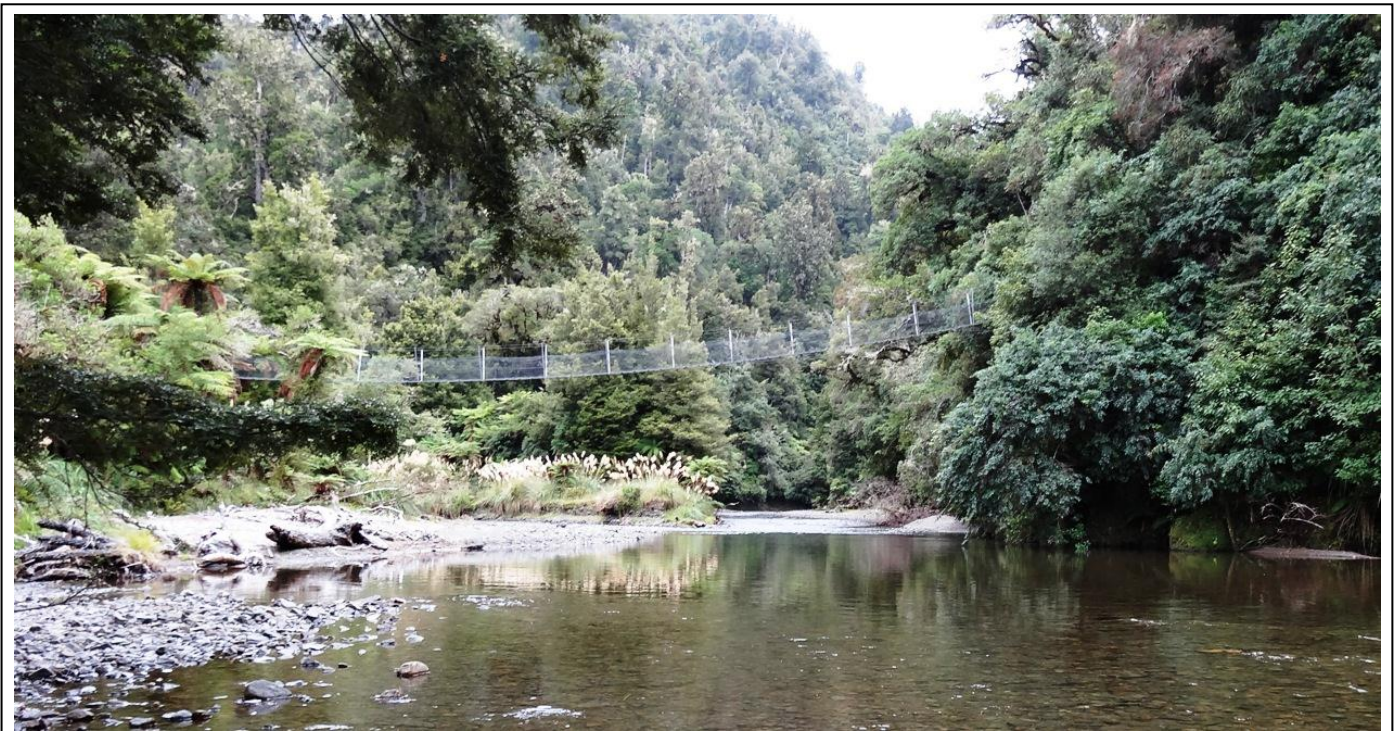


Getting lost in this river system is a challenge Adam Matich

were forced to climb 180 m onto the up-and-over track, which we then followed back down to the river. The rest of the travel to Te Waiotukapiti hut was in the river as the side track looked to be rubbish! This hut was easily found by climbing out at the cable-way and following the track. We returned to Central Waiau hut in time for more sloth before dinner. The deer didn't show up that evening.

On Monday we headed back up the Waiau and the Parahaki water courses to reach Whites Clearing in a quick 4½ hrs, delayed only by some blue ducks at the Parahaki/Warua confluence, and a couple of trampers in Parahaki Stm. Twenty minutes after reaching the shelter the persistent non-forecast rain started, so we had a warm dry weekend. Apart from the voluntary bits in the river.

We were Mark Learmonth and Adam Matich.



Confluence of the Wairoa & Parahaki Streams to form the Waiau River

Adam Matich

25th January: Coppermine to Kiritaki Hut

Adam Matich

We started off early from the Coppermine road end and from the old hut site headed up and over to drop into Mangaatua Stm, the track being steep in both directions but well formed and easy to follow. Once in the stream we rock-hopped 1 km up to the first stream on our right. The spur there sports a large orange triangle, but it marks a poorly defined route that is hard to follow (not a track). We ignored the spur and headed up the steep side stream. Not far up there was a confluence at which we took the right fork and stayed therein until we were forced into the low, but not too difficult forest around 40 m from the high point (800 m). On the high point we had to push our way through the open leatherwood to find the track but it wasn't dire and the track down to Raparapawai Stm was again very well defined and passed through some attractive forest. Half a km up Raparapawai Stm we stopped for lunch, four hours from the Coppermine road end. We had another 1½ km of rock hopping



Dave, Fred, and Jean climbing up the side stream

Adam Matich

up-stream before we found the steep track that finally took us up to Kiritaki Hut which is looking pretty tidy at the moment. From the hut we dropped down into Oruakeretaki Stm via the more convenient hunter's track, and then made our way down-stream to where our second car was waiting on Fairbrother Road. We found that the lower half of this stream had an increasing number of side tracks, so we didn't have to rock-hop all the way to the farmland. Our day was only just over nine hours despite us having to wait several times for Fred who has the prioritisation skills of a gold-fish; so we did pretty well. We were Jenny McCarthy, Jean Garman, Dave and Fred Mitchell, and Adam Matich.

2nd February: Awatere Hut *Tim Swale*

It is a long drive for a short walk but what a lovely walk it is. Seven of us set off on a lovely Sunday morning from the end of Kashmir Road at Moorcock Saddle to walk in to Awatere Hut. The route starts at the same place as the Longview Hut track, but heads southwards on an open ridge with some expansive views of the Ruahine Range



The group heading down the Awatere Hut

Tim Swale

with Longview Hut clearly visible on the opposite side of the valley. After travelling the ridge for some time we dropped down about 200 m into forest and the north branch of the Makaretu River. A short distance downstream, nestled in the bush on the true right, is the three bunk Awatere Hut, an old Forest Service Hut built in 1960. Disappointingly, as with many huts close to road ends, there was a fair amount of rubbish, much of which was kindly carried out by Ken.

A delightful riverside spot was selected to have our lunch so that we were able sit and chat in the sun before venturing further downstream to search for the long abandoned Black Stag Hut. It is on the true left of the river about ten minutes from Awatere Hut. It's definitely not a place to stay these days, but interesting to see the crude construction that once provided a refuge from the elements.

Our return journey was along the same route with a slight detour for some to scramble up to the bare summit trig of highpoint 877. Soon we were back at the cars and heading to Norsewood for muffins and coffee before heading home.

Altogether, a pleasant day out with good company and great scenery. We were Linda (trip leader), Mary, Ken, Alla, Olga, Carla and Tim.

1-2nd February: Not the Penn Creek Float/Swim

Jean Garman

Quite a few people were keen but the designated weekend didn't suit most of them. Nor was the weather forecast promising - potentially overcast with possible light showers and a moderate south easterly keeping temperatures low. So the Penn Creek float/swim was put off until the weather was better and everyone could go. Instead Brian and I decided to stretch our legs in a different part of the Tararuas.

We left the Mangahao No 1 dam at 8:15 a.m. heading up the valley. Several hops, skips and jumps later we were at Mangahao Flats hut for a quick break before carrying on up the valley to Triangle Spur. There were mutterings in the log book about a nasty slip up river that had turned some people back. We found a fresh nasty looking slip just before the stream on the down river side of Triangle



Carla at Black Stag Hut: Across the river from Awatere hut

Tim Swale

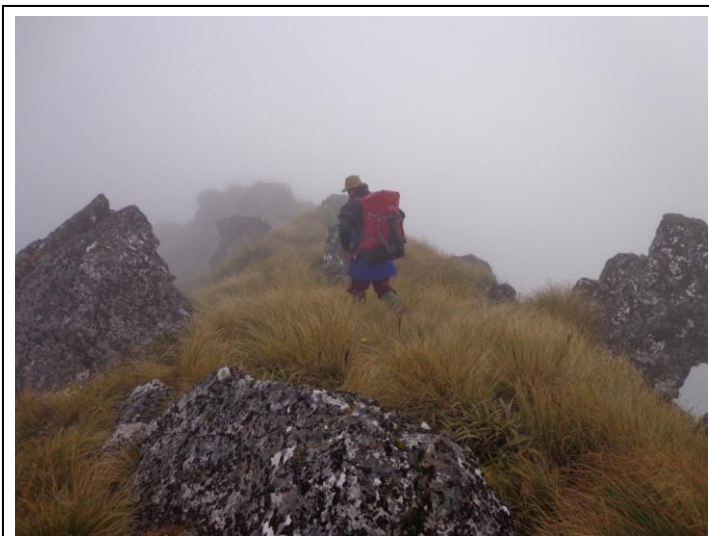


Brian arriving at Dundas Hut at the end of a long day

Jean Garman



Spur. As we had opted to cross the river when the track came down to it shortly before the slip we bypassed it with no difficulty on the other side of the river before re-crossing and heading up the little side stream to re-join the track. After lunch we hunted down the turn off point for Triangle Spur; it is marked with a couple of dazzle spots on a tree and if you look real hard a very overgrown arrow made from rocks on the ground. From here we sweated up Triangle Spur which had a track on it a very long time ago but now is mostly marked with old dazzle spots and pink tape. Further up there were numerous windfalls to be negotiated then it was out into the scrub and (thankfully) a stiff cool breeze. Up past Little Triangle, then Triangle, then a final haul up onto Dundas and we were on the main range. There was some high cloud around and a cold wind but also lovely views to distract us from the final climb for the day up onto Logan. From Logan it was fairly easy going to Dundas hut which was unoccupied so we had lots of room to spread out and relax after a nine hour day.



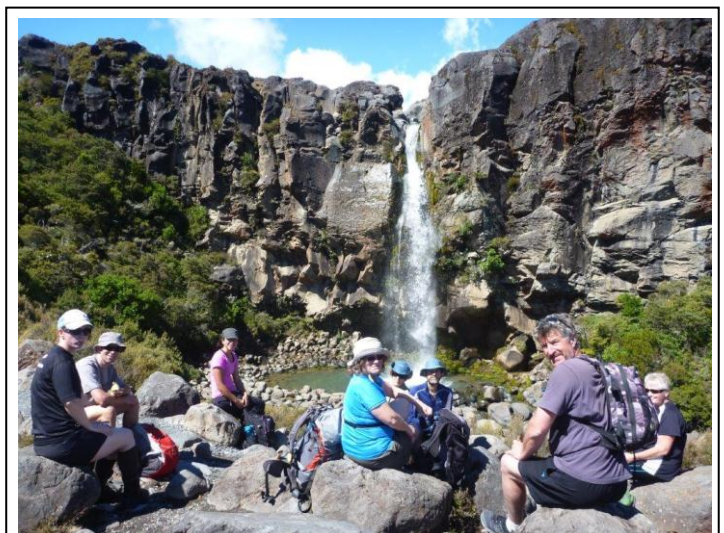
A cold, misty morning on the Dundas tops *Jean Garman*

Sunday dawned distinctly grey and damp with very low visibility and in anticipation of another longish day we left the hut at 7:15 a.m. It was not warm (approx. 4°C) with a bit of wind and wet vegetation so we were dressed from head to toe in many layers. With low visibility we counted off the high points along the ridge to West peak then as we headed into the saddle between East and West peaks the cloud started to lift and clear. We were momentarily back into the cloud on East peak but by the time we got to Ruapae we were in the clear and the day rapidly became quite warm so many layers of clothing were removed and sunscreen applied. The route around the tops to Ngapuketuru is pretty vague and requires a bit of pushing through scrub but if you are in the right place you don't have to

push too hard. Lunch was enjoyed on Kareti, one of the many named bumps along the ridgeline. A little "work" has been done on the "unmaintained" track from Ngapuketuru to Baber forks (it is easier to follow going up than it is going down), however we managed to not go too far astray. From Baber forks we opted to follow the stream then skirt round the edge of the dam rather than follow the track; as the dam was quite low this actually worked. After another nine hour day we were back at the car.

8-9th February: Tongariro Crossing *Tim Swale*

We had watched the weather forecast for this weekend gradually change throughout the week, from the original three days of sunshine to the rather less appealing rain and gales as we got to Friday morning. However, by then we were committed and in any case weather forecasts are often overly pessimistic! We drove up on Friday night in the Club van, meeting Mark at Taihape Subway for dinner. Then it was on to the top of the Bruce Road where we met Mylene and Fred before walking by torchlight to the Lodge.



The group at Taranaki Falls *Tim Swale*



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The plan was to have breakfast at 7 a.m., leave the Lodge at 8 a.m. and be at the Mangatepopo road end about 8:30 a.m. That would give plenty of time to do the crossing and make a side trip up Ngauruhoe. However, we woke to low, damp, cloud scudding across the mountain with intermittent showers; not quite what we were hoping for. Nevertheless, we stuck with our plan and set out with rain jackets towards Soda Springs. By the time we had climbed the Devil's Staircase we were hot and clammy with our efforts. It was obvious that climbing Ngauruhoe was a pointless exercise so we continued across South Crater, trudging through mud and enormous puddles until we finally arrived at Red Crater after about three hours. Sadly, the spectacular views that are normally had from this point were completely obscured by cloud. We had lunch just below the summit in a warm trench that sheltered us from the wind.

After lunch, our main group of 11 trampers continued down past the Emerald and Blue lakes to Ketetahi Hut which is now out of action due to damage sustained in the recent volcanic activity. I headed back on my own to the Mangatepopo Road end to collect the van and take it round to Ketetahi Road end. At this point the weather started to clear and before long the top of Ngauruhoe was peeping out of the clouds. It was a very pleasant walk back, as by this time there was nobody in South Crater whatsoever. Quite different from the usual endless crocodile of walkers.

The main group reported a significant route change due to the eruption and subsequent lahar path. Back at the van it was hard to believe the contrast from the start of the walk in the morning. We basked in the sun with a cacophony of cicada noise, stripping off layers to keep cool in the heat. Once back at the Lodge, we were greeted by the aroma of our evening meal that had been simmering away in the slow cooker all day. The Lodge is such a great place to just chill out, enjoy good company and relax over a glass of wine after a day's effort.

We woke on Sunday morning to blue skies and little sign of the southerly gale that was forecast. It looked as though we might have picked the wrong day for the crossing. However, the chairlift was on hold due to high winds further up the mountain and as we started out towards Taranaki Falls we could see the tell tale hogs-back cloud over Mt. Ngauruhoe that indicated strong winds. We had a lovely walk around the loop track stopping for morning tea at the falls and even risking a soaking by scrambling around the back of the waterfall. After getting changed at the Whakapapa Shelter we drove round to Ohakune for a delicious cafe lunch.

It became clear that Whakapapa was sitting in the slipstream of the mountain and we had been very lucky to have such lovely weather when just down the road it was blowing a gale and raining. So despite some less than ideal weather on Saturday morning, we could reflect on a most enjoyable weekend with good company and lots of good healthy exercise. We were Ken, Mary, Linda, Carole, John, Doug, Carla, Lisa, Dan, Mylene, Fred and Tim.



Everyone present and accounted for!

Tim Swale



New Members

Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Secunder who are current MTSC members and have been so for at least one year. New memberships are confirmed at the next monthly committee meeting. Prospective members are encouraged to go on a club trip or attend a club night before joining. This is a great way to meet current members who can nominate you. For further information or an application form please see the club website.

Club Equipment

Hire equipment: we have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, tent flies (small and large), snow mats, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, food dehydrator and two bivvy bags. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. We have two personal locator beacons (PLB) for which there is no charge. Contact the Gear Custodian: Peter Rawlins on (06) 356 7443.

Website | www.mtsc.org.nz

This contains club information, photos, contact details and back issues of this newsletter, Beechleaves.

The club website is maintained by Howard Nicholson (06) 357 6325 and is kindly hosted by **InSPire Net**, a locally based company.

Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/MTandSC>

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, heating, hot showers and is well stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome.

For Lodge bookings email Liz and Hugh Wilde lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz. If you cannot email then phone (06) 356 9450. To confirm your booking payment must be made in advance by cheque to 179 Cook St Palmerston North 4410 or by cash in person. Internet payment is not available for lodge fees.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$30	\$45
Secondary School	\$25	\$40
Primary School	\$20	\$35
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$10	\$10

The Lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860.

Booking the MTSC Van

For bookings:



- Contact Ken Mercer (06) 356 7497.
- Cancellations should be made as soon as practicable to accommodate other potential users.

A fly (in the passenger door) and a Personal Locator Beacon (in the glove box) are available for use free of charge on trips.

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